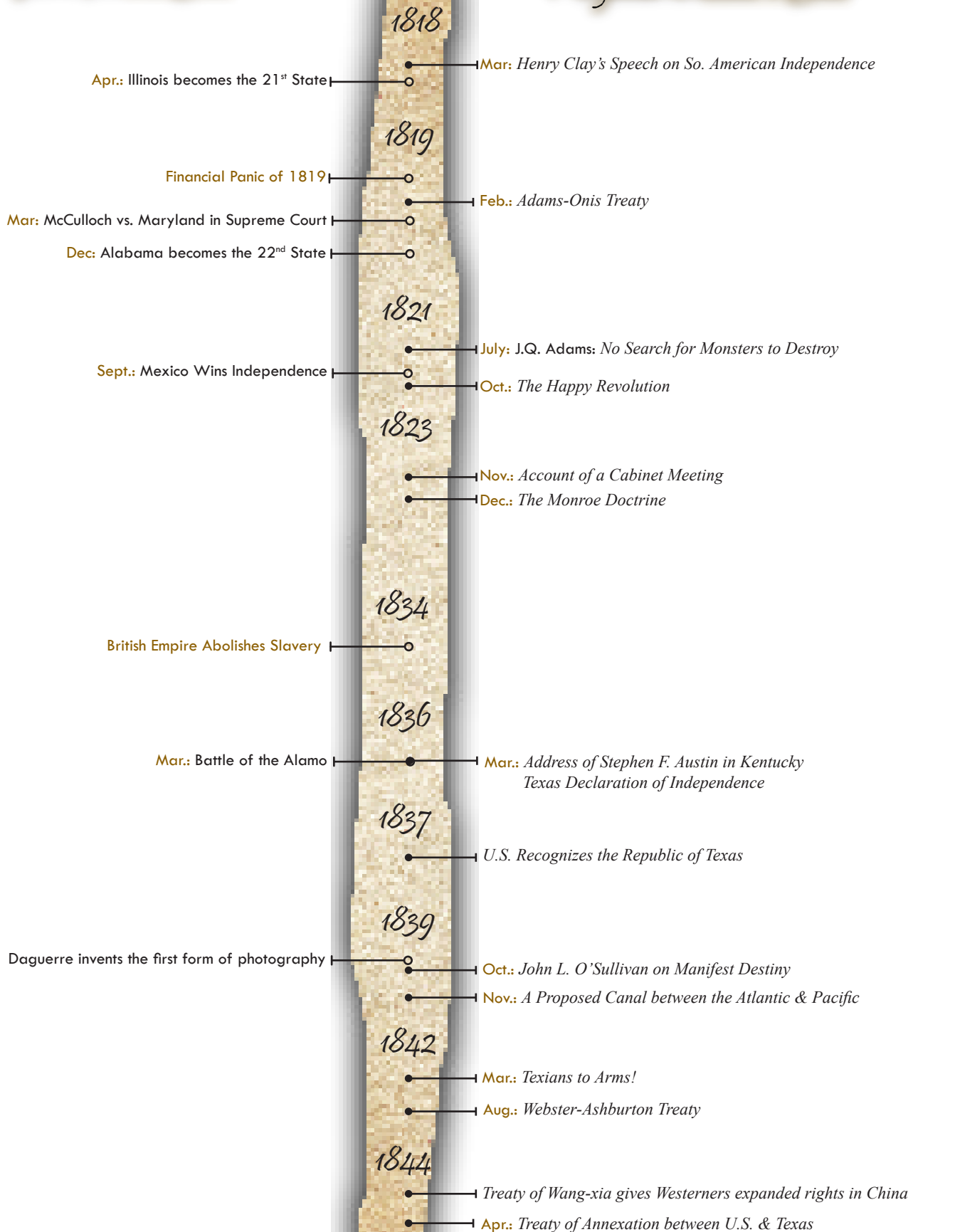


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1845

Florida and Texas become States

Mar.: Inaugural Address of James K. Polk

Nov.: Slidell Mission fails to solve U.S.-Mexican differences

1846

Jan.: U.S. War with Mexico begins

Wilmot Proviso

June: Treaty on the Westward Limits of the Rocky Mountains

1848

May: Wisconsin becomes a state

Feb.: Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo

1849

Mar.: Zachary Taylor becomes President

California Gold Rush Begins

1850

California becomes a State

Apr.: Clayton-Bulwer Treaty

1853

Crimean War begins

Dec.: Gadsden Purchase

1854

May: Kansas-Nebraska Act

Mar.: Treaty of Kanagawa

Oct.: Ostend Manifesto

1856

Nov.: James Buchanan elected President

Mar.: Article on Commodore Perry's Expedition to Japan published

1858

Transatlantic telegraph cable laid

Lincoln-Douglas Debates

Sept.: Senator Gallatin's on Expanding Slavery to Cuba & Mexico

1859

Comstock Lode discovered in Nevada

Oct.: John Brown launches raid on Harper's Ferry

Nov.: Charles Darwin publishes *On the Origin of the Species*

Nov.: "Embassador Mexican," Townsend Harris presents credentials